

East Most Improved Player award and she was also voted to the honorable mention all-Big East team.

Junior Ericka Haney served as valuable and versatile starter for the Irish. Haney helped spark the Irish comeback against Connecticut in the semifinal game. Sophomore Alicia Ratay proved to be one of the nation's top perimeter shooters and she was a candidate for All-American honors. Ratay led the nation in three point shooting percentage and was honored with a third-team all-Big East distinction.

Sophomore reserve players, Amanda Barksdale, Monique Hernandez, and Karen Swanson, and freshmen Jeneka Joyce and Le'Tania Severe provided valuable minutes throughout the season. With such young talent, the Irish basketball program has a promising future.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, the 2001 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Team deserves to be recognized for their Championship caliber play, their tenacity and their exemplary sportsmanship. I am proud and deeply honored to recognize this magnificent achievement. Go Irish!

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Ronald F. Christian, Lutheran Social Services, Fairfax, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

God of all mercy and grace, look kindly upon all Your people this day in both the celebrations and the sufferings of life. Shield the joyous from pride and relieve the grieving of their sorrow.

Where health of body and mind is in jeopardy, grant a full measure of Your healing and hope. Where conflict and distrust between people are present, provide a quiet and calm refrain in the clamor of their strife. And where hunger and thirst are Your children's basic needs, challenge all those with an abundance of this world's possessions the desire to be good stewards and to share with others from their own storehouses of wealth.

Wherever hate outranks love, wherever sadness is more common than joy, wherever retaliation is the first acceptable alternative to mercy, then and there, Oh God, we pray, give to all of Your people a sense of what Your justice for our world might mean, and let

Your peace ever rule in our lives. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. UNDERWOOD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

IN MEMORY OF JAKE SINIAWSKI

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, Jim and Carol Siniawski lost their little boy last month. Their son Justin lost his brother. I lost a special friend. It was an honor and a privilege to have gotten to know Jake Siniawski. Jake suffered from a rare blood disorder called Fanconi anemia, which ultimately claimed his life. He was only 10 years old.

While he was quite ill for much of his short life, his obituary in the Cincinnati Post noted that Jake was an inspiration to everyone and lived life to the fullest every day.

The medical community worked hard to provide a cure for Jake. The good people of St. Bernard's Church sponsored a marrow-typing blood drive in an effort to find a compatible bone marrow donor. His family and friends and neighbors always remembered him in their prayers. Those who loved him did all that they could.

I have talked about Jake on this floor in the past, and I know my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in expressing our condolences to Jake's loving family.

Madam Speaker, we can help boys and girls like Jake by participating in the National Marrow Donor Program. All it takes is a simple blood test. It could save a life. God bless you, Jake.

UNITED STATES SHOULD INVESTIGATE JANET RENO AND CONTRIBUTORS TO THE DNC

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, while John Huang and James Riady are partying in Hawaii, 24 Americans are being held against their will in China. Think about it, China is taking \$100 billion a year out of America, buying missiles with our money, pointing them at us, and now they are holding Americans against their will.

What is next, Madam Speaker? Will they return the 24 Americans when they deliver to the Pentagon the black berets they bought for millions and millions of dollars?

Beam me up. Has Uncle Sam become Uncle Sucker here? I yield back the fact that we should investigate the treason, the treason of Janet Reno and those campaign contributions to the Democrat National Committee.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE MARINER

(Mr. FLAKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a good friend, Mike Mariner, who passed away last week, and whose funeral service is being held today in Snowflake, Arizona. Each of us will face challenges in life, but few of us will be called to face for a moment what Mike endured for most of a lifetime.

Those who grew up with Mike will remember his good humor, his playful spirit, and fortunately for those of us who often displayed the insensitivity of youth, his boundless ability to forgive and forget.

Those who have kept in touch with Mike over the past several years have been softened, touched, and are inspired by his tireless effort to keep his frail body in step with his keen mind. The world is a better place because Mike lived in it, and we are a better people for having known him.

Mike is now home, and because of the difficult road he has traveled, we can find special meaning in the poet's phrase "He has slipped the surly bonds of Earth and touched the face of God." God bless you, Mike.

SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, China is holding two dozen American citizens who were forced to make an emergency landing after an air collision that appears to be the fault of the Chinese Air Force. They are not just holding American citizens, they are also holding very sensitive American technology.

Causing this collision and holding the plane and its crew are flagrant violations of international agreements China is party to. What other agreements will they violate? It may be